

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Message From County Executive Walker

Dear Friends

Thanksgiving is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our lives, our family and our friends and to give thanks for our many blessings. We are truly blessed to live in a community with such great people, great potential and a great future.

Throughout this holiday weekend, I ask that you take a moment to also give special thanks to the men and women on the front lines protecting our nation. In particular, please join me in giving thanks for the 11 Milwaukee County employees that are currently actively deployed in our U.S. Armed Forces. Their sacrifice and service to our nation is certainly a blessing to us all.

On behalf of my family and the members of my administration, I wish you all a very blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

Scott

Happy Thanksgiving!

An Opportunity To Give Back This Thanksgiving

The Friedens Community Ministries operates a Food Pantry in the basement of the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center, 1220 West Vliet Street. The Food Pantry provides free food to certain needy families who come to the center for other assistance.

During this holiday season, the Food Pantry desperately needs donations to keep the operation going. A great way to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday is to make a donation to the pantry. They always gratefully accept monetary donations, and also need in-kind donations of non-perishable food items. The pantry especially needs tuna, macaroni & cheese, and peanut butter. Additionally, they accept donations of children's books in good condition.

Donations can be dropped off at the pantry during regular business hours. You can also call 289-6030 for more information.



News From The Office Of Persons With Disabilities

Through their work with Milwaukee County departments, the Office For Persons With Disabilities provides services that make County programs, services, and facilities accessible to people with disabilities.

The Countywide Recreation Calendar is a service provided by the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities for residents with disabilities. Their goal is to encourage people with disabilities to participate in any of the multitude of recreational activities throughout our community but they recognize that individuals sometimes prefer to access events that are designed specifically for their needs. [Click here](#) to access the Rec Room Calendar.

The Office For Persons With Disabilities is also offering a Disabilities IQ quiz. This informative feature gives a glimpse into the unique challenges faced by persons with disabilities. To take the Disabilities IQ quiz, [click here](#).

Warm Weather Means Fall Golfing Still Available



With warm weather in the forecast for the next few days, this is a great time to take advantage of some great fall golf specials offered by the Parks Department. For more information on the Fall Golf Specials, go to www.countyparks.com.

Balloon Exhibit Ending Soon



Over 150,000 balloons make up the largest family-oriented balloon art exhibition in the U.S. at the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard, on November 18 through November 26. The theme is "It's a Fun World" and will consist of balloon sculptures depicting a circus, water park, an art museum and popular cartoon characters all made from balloons.

The Domes are open every day from 9am to 5pm. General admission rates apply. Children 5 and under enter free. Visit www.countyparks.com for more information.

Catch The Holiday Spirit Downtown



While downtown this holiday season, make sure you take in the Holiday Lights Festival in downtown Milwaukee, including the "Community Sprit Park" in Cathedral Square Park and "Fairy Tail Dreams" at Pere Marquette Park.